

NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education Enhancing Education through Technology Program American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The primary goal of the Ed Tech ARRA funds is to provide an unprecedented opportunity for Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), eligible local entities, and schools to implement 21st century classrooms using innovative strategies that enhance instruction, facilitate teaching and learning, and improve student achievement. These additional resources will enable LEAs and eligible local entities to provide new and emerging technologies, create state-of-the-art learning environments, and offer additional training and support for teachers to help students achieve academically and acquire the skills needed to compete in a global economy. Four principles guide the distribution and use of ARRA funds: (1) spend funds quickly to save and create jobs; (2) improve student achievement through school improvement and reform; (3) ensure transparency, reporting, and accountability; and (4) invest one-time ARRA funds thoughtfully to minimize the “funding cliff.”

Eligibility:

Local Educational Agency (LEA) including the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and District of Columbia Public Charter Schools (DCPCS), approved for operation in the 2009-2010 school year, or an eligible local partnership along with the Local Educational Agency are eligible to apply. The partnership may also include other LEAs, educational service agencies, libraries, or other educational entities that are appropriate to provide local programs. Only an LEA may serve as the designated fiscal agent in any local partnership.

NOTE: Individual schools within the DCPS System and Public Charter School campuses are **not** eligible to apply; the applicable LEA must apply on their behalf.

Length of Awards:

Grant awards will be made for a period of one year.

Available Funding for Awards:

The estimated amount of total funding available is approximately **\$3.2 million**. The OSSE maintains the right to adjust the grant award and amounts as funding becomes available.

Pre-Application Conference:

The Request for Application deadline for submission will be **Friday, January 29, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.** The RFP will be available on OSSE’s website, www.osse.dc.gov, and the Office of Partnership and Grant Services www.opgs.dc.gov or by contacting (202) 741-6417. A copy of the RFA and DC Educational Technology Plan can be located at: <http://opgs.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a,1316,q,609787.asp>

Applicants are **strongly encouraged** to attend *one* of three Pre-Application Conferences on the following dates:

<p>Pre-Application Conference #1 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009 51 N Street NE Lower Level Conference Room 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Pre-Application Conference #2 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009 51 N Street NE Lower Level Conference Room 10:00 am – 12:00 noon</p>	<p>Pre-Application Conference #3 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009 51 N Street NE Lower Level Conference Room 11:00 am – 1:00 pm</p>
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For additional information regarding this competition, please contact Charles White at (202) 741-6417.